

Montgomery County PROTHONOTARY

MAY 2023



Noah Marlier
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Hello, friends!

"Public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people"
- Margaret Chase Smith

This quote is so fitting as we celebrate Public Service Recognition Week. When I was elected Prothonotary, one of my priorities was to work with the staff to ensure the office was operating effectively and with ultimate efficiency. I believe in good government and being accountable to the people we serve – the residents of Montgomery County. It's crucial to be dedicated to your community and, through public service, to leave it even better than you found it.

One of my main community outreach aims is to support our LGBTQ+ neighbors. That's why this month I'm proud to again collaborate with Legal Aid of Southeastern PA and the Montgomery Bar Association to organize a pro bono name change clinic for adult Montgomery County residents.

Anyone can file a name change petition through the Prothonotary's office during the year, but I know the process can be a bit confusing and intimidating. This is especially true for people who haven't had to navigate the court system.

Participants are paired with a friendly, helpful pro bono attorney to help them complete the name change paperwork and file it with the court. Attorneys can also represent clinic participants at their hearing, if necessary.

I'm gratified to do whatever I can to make government more accessible to our residents and help them establish one of the most fundamental parts of identity and dignity – a name.

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Hope for Homes Fundraiser



Noah was incredibly honored to deliver the keynote speech at Family Promise of the Main Line's fundraiser, Hope for Homes. He spoke about how his parents and teachers shaped his life and career choices as an adult. He also described his efforts as Montgomery County Prothonotary to serve our community's most vulnerable residents – including people in danger of losing their housing.

Making Connections at the Senior Expo



Noah and the office staff loved meeting area seniors at Rep. Joe Webster's Senior Expo in Oaks on April 20.

Presenting to the Pottstown NAACP



The Pottstown NAACP members were a fantastic audience April 27 as Noah spoke about how the office can help the community.



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International Spring Festival



Noah and the Prothonotary office staff had a wonderful time as a vendor at the annual International Spring Festival at North Penn High School on April 15. Montgomery County is so lucky to have such a diverse, culturally rich population.

Visiting the Charles Blockson Exhibit



It was a privilege to visit the Charles Blockson Exhibition at The Centre Theater in April. A Norristown native, Mr. Blockson has amassed more than 700,000 books, photographs, letters, art, and other items in one of the world's largest collections of African-American history and culture. Centre Theater visitors can learn about Mr. Blockson's life and view a portion of his lifelong collection.

Upcoming Events

Noah and the Prothonotary office's staff members will be attending the following events.

Name Change Clinic

May 17, 4-6 p.m.
Via Zoom

Elder Abuse presentations

May 19, 12:15 p.m.
May 31, 10 a.m.
Montco Senior Adult Activities Center

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Noah and the Prothonotary office staff participated in events throughout the month that publicly demonstrated support for survivors as well as advocated for empowerment and healthy relationships.

Show of Support



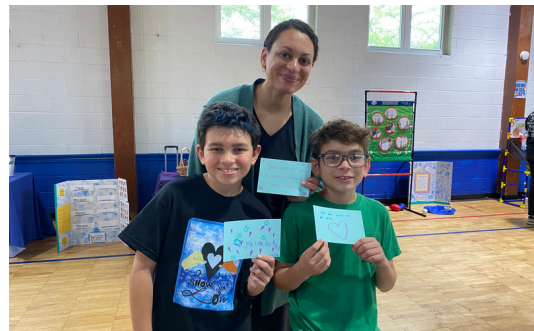
Mission Kids Pinwheels for Prevention event and press conference, where each pinwheel represents a child the organization helped in 2022.



Noah stands on the Courthouse steps with Victim Services Center's (VSC) staffer Erin Milbourne, left, and Board President Kristen Gibbons Feden, right, before VSC's "Start by Believing" rally.



Noah speaks with an attendee at VSC's family event, Empower-Palooza.



Empower-Palooza attendees stand with art they created for protective order petitioners at the Prothonotary Office.

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Employee Spotlight: Hannah Fennell

Counter Clerk

My role at the Prothonotary's Office:

I file documents for civil cases.



3 things to know about me:

1. I was a hairdresser for 10 years.
2. I was a bus driver for 8 years before coming here.
3. I have been married for 11 years.

I've always wanted to learn...

Spanish

My favorite aspect of my job:

Helping the public

We Appreciate You!



Our office manager, Linda Severson, does so much to help keep our operations running efficiently as well as being one of our most enthusiastic staff members. We were glad to celebrate her on Administrative Professionals Day.

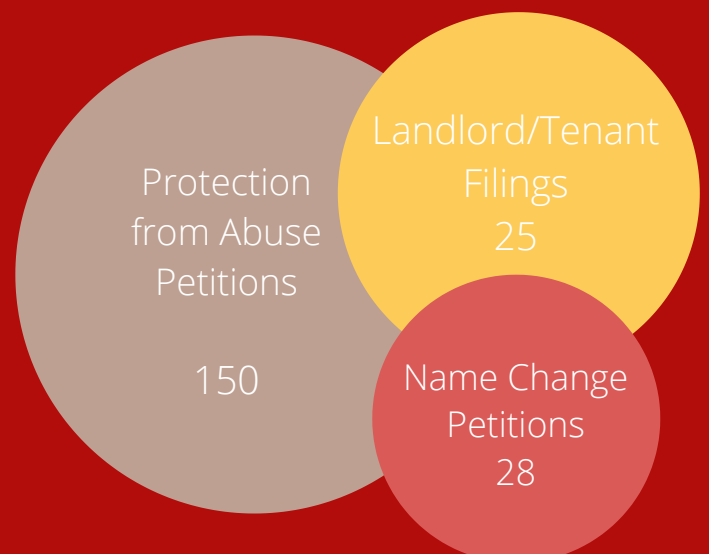
Three New Faces



The office was glad to welcome its three newest counter clerk hires, Mat, Laniya, and Oscar. You'll see them around the office as they're trained in a clerk's various responsibilities. Welcome, all!

By The Numbers

The Prothonotary's Office processed these civil filings and petitions in April 2023.



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